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Dear John,

Cattle Council Australia's (CCA) 7 September 2022 response to Cattle Producers Australia's (CPA) rejection of the invalid circular motion inappropriately promoted by CCA and CCA's consultant Mr Allan Parker OAM is noted.

The Restructure Steering Committee (RSC) has not been reconvened to appoint a competent chair and continue its deliberations in accordance with its Terms of Reference. Any claims by CCA that a draft Cattle Australia (CA) constitution has been endorsed by the RSC are patently incorrect. Equally incorrect are CCA assertions that the RSC functioned as an advisory body to the CCA. These baseless assertions are consistent with other misinformation being disseminated by CCA since it embarked upon its campaign to destabilise cattle producer representative reform in its own self-interest. This will be recognised as such by the vast majority of Australia's cattle producers and appropriately derided. These unfortunate actions by CCA, reverses its long record of appropriate objective activity and effectively undermines long sought cattle producer representative reform.

In reference to a proposed Meeting dated 26 August 2022 of some RSC members, Mr Parker did engage with us as he had done prior to the CCA/State Farm Organisation (SFO) meeting held 26 July 2022. At that time CPA provided Mr Parker with material detailing evidence of CPA concerns with regard to flaws contained in the Cattle Australia (CA) draft constitution and other issues.

CPA advised Mr Parker that the evidence made available to him by CPA unequivocally confirmed that the CCA/SFO breach of process and governance in which he had become embroiled was illegitimate and one from which he should disengage himself. It is difficult to imagine how this could constitute implicit endorsement of the inappropriate CCA process. It does not.

Contrary to your claim in your 7 September 2022 letter, CPA did not give implicit endorsement to the 26 August 2022 CCA/SFO Cattle Australia constitution endorsement process and had already provided details of its concerns with that process and made its attendance conditional upon the proposed Cattle Australia endorsement motion not being put to that 26 August 2022 meeting and

the right for attendees to record that meeting and called for any future Regroup RSC meetings be held under the oversight of an independent Chair.

It is fact that CPA harboured some hope that the proposed 26 August 2022 meeting may have precipitated opportunities to reset the valid RSC grass-fed cattle producer Peak Industry Council process. Regrettably, the Parker facilitated meeting did not get passed the housekeeping step regarding CPA's conditional request for attendees to be able to record the meeting. This was disallowed by the facilitator Mr Parker even though only one member, Ms Gillian Fennell, voted against the proposal. The majority of the attendees voted in favour of an alternative proposal that Mr Parker record the meeting and make the recording available to the attendees but, again, that alternative was effectively rejected by Mr Parker who insisted that the recording would only be made available to the meeting's attendees after the meeting if all meeting attendees agreed to any such subsequent request.

Could you please provide us with evidence to support your claim that in principle support of the CCA/SFO draft constitution has since been given by a majority of the RSC?

Details of CCA expenditure of industry and Government funds made available to the RSC to pursue the completion of its Terms of Reference remain unaccounted for to the members of the RSC. CCA's clear threat of legal action against CPA if CPA persists in its demands for transparent accountability for the expenditure by CCA of CA seed funding granted to the RSC is noted with interest.

CPA, undeterred by CCA's recent inappropriate actions in this arena, will continue to represent the interests of all payers of the grass-fed cattle transaction levy in its determination to establish, on behalf of those levy payers, an adequately resourced and transparently democratic representative peak industry council. In addition, CPA will continue to require accountability for RSC funds administered by CCA under an Auspice Agreement and the Procurement Agreement between the RSC, CCA and Government.

CPA urges CCA to re-embark upon the industry wide agreed RSC process to achieve the reforms recommended by a series of Senate and other Inquiries and on which cattle producer aspirations for a truly representative peak industry council have been built.

Yours Sincerely,



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